



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 520**

*January Session, 2015*

Substitute House Bill No. 6268

*House of Representatives, April 8, 2015*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING PEDIATRIC VISION SCREENING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) Each primary care  
2 provider, as defined in section 19a-7o of the general statutes, serving  
3 children in this state, excluding a hospital emergency department and  
4 its staff, shall provide an annual vision screening to each patient who  
5 is not yet eligible to enroll in kindergarten pursuant to section 10-184  
6 of the general statutes, beginning at one year of age until such time as  
7 such child enrolls in kindergarten.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
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### ***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

After "19a-7o", "of the general statutes" was added for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill concerns requirements for primary care providers and results in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6268**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires primary care providers serving children, except for hospital emergency department staff, to provide an annual vision screening to children who are not yet able to enroll in kindergarten (i.e., children under age five). They must provide the screening starting at age one until the child enrolls in kindergarten.

Under the bill, a primary care provider is a licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant.

The law already requires local and regional boards of education to annually provide vision screening to students in kindergarten, grades one to six, and grade nine (CGS § 10-214).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 6 (03/25/2015)